

## ACCC Newsletter November 1999

### Thank You

Thank you to the Staff Appreciation Committee for hosting a pizza/movie night for the ACCC staff. A great time was had by all!!!

Gemini:  
Korsmeyers-cabinet  
Jobe-tshirts

Vanguard:  
Moudy-costume jewelry

### Wish List

Please take an ornament off of our "wishing wreaths" for the classroom wish list. Thank you!

### November Birthdays!!

Kathryn Derby	1 year old	11/4/98
Caroline Hines	1 year old	11/15/98
Paul Maier	2 years old	11/6/97
Cameron Kao	3 years old	11/7/96
Brett Jobe	3 years old	11/15/96
Kelly Valentine	3 years old	11/22/96
Miles Zimmer	3 years old	11/25/96
Harrison Moudy	5 years old	11/15/94

Melissa Duniphin	11/8
Gabrielle Babin	11/10

### Congratulations!!!!

Myriam, Robert, and Melissa  
It's A Boy  
Tyler Robert born 11/29  
8lbs. 2oz. 21"long

### Classroom Happenings:

#### Earthling

No news from the Earthlings this month!☺

#### Pioneer

No news from the Pioneers this month!☺

#### Mercury

The Mercury class enjoyed experiencing the fall season. They made leaf collages with leaves that they collected from the yard. They did lots with fall colors such as brown, red and yellow in their art projects.

During the month of December they will begin exploring the joys of winter and practicing some sharing experiences. They will be doing lots of things in their art with the colors red, green, blue, and white.

#### Viking

The Vikings learned a lot about identifying feelings this month. After discussing them the kids cut out some pictures from magazines that depicted these emotions. Then they glued them onto poster board. To see how fast the children are growing the Viking teachers measured each child with a piece of yarn

then gave the yarn and a poem about growing to their parents. For years to come they can measure the yarn to the children and see how much they've grown. For Thanksgiving the children painted hand print turkeys with watercolors. This month the teachers brought out a balance beam so the children could practice walking, running, and crawling while keeping their balance. Some other gross motor sensory came when the teachers taped plastic bubbles to the floor and the children used all different body parts to pop them!

In December the Vikings will do projects around the change of seasons, discussing winter and cold. They will be using lots of tactile experiences during this time.

### Gemini

The Geminis started their month celebrating fall by painting with fall colors and making leaves. They got ready for Thanksgiving by making turkey and food collages.

In December they will be busy getting ready for lots of different holiday celebrations and ushering in winter with their art projects.

### Apollo

In the month of November the Apollos continued to learn things about

fall/autumn. They had fun doing different kinds of art about fall and Thanksgiving. The children made cookies and used Halloween and leaf shapes to cut them out. The Apollos also stretched their memories by learning the names of different kinds of nuts.

Starting the first week of December the Apollos will be learning about Hanukkah. Leslie Hammer is scheduled to come and tell us about it. Books, art, and symbols will be used to educate during these activities. They will also spend time in activities about Christmas. The children will be talking about giving and sharing. Through lots of different activities they will learn some ways that holidays are celebrated around the world this time of year.

### Vanguard

The Vanguards have been stretching their creative wings at the art table with a lot of different types of holiday art. They've been cutting, pasting, using glitter and even made a very long paper chain.

The Vanguards will spend the last part of December learning about holidays that are celebrated this time of year. They are looking forward to the year 2000 and will continue to learn about the alphabet.

### **Meet the New ACCC Staff**

Next month look forward to meeting more ACCC staff!

### **Calendar**

Look for an outline of the activities for the year 2000 to be in the month's newsletter. This will give you an idea of what is being planned around here and you can write it in your new day planners right away!

**Dear Newsletter Reader,**

**Well November's newsletter is kind of small. It has been pretty busy around here! If you were wondering where the newsletter comes from here is a little background information. Each classroom has a form to fill out stating thank you, wish list, classroom happenings and coming events, it is due by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month. I then take that information and compile it to create the classroom happenings section. Staff are chosen to fill out a "meet the staff" form. I write about them based on the information they give. Finally, I add the calendar, birthdays, web sites, articles, crafts, and anything else fun or useful.**

**All of this to say, if you have any suggestions for the ACCC Newsletter please feel free to pass them along. This is everyone's newsletter! I am always looking for great web sites, parenting tips, crafts, recipes, etc. I was also thinking of adding a "pat on the back" section for the staff where parents can submit stories or a thank you they would like to be published for their child's teacher or classroom. Let me know!!**

**Thanks,**

**Melissa**